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Seas Smash Xmas Cargo

Freak Swell May Have Come from 'Quake

CREWS DRENCHED

INCOMING CARGOES reached Norfolk in battered condition for the second ship in a row as lighterage crews struggled with a savage groundswell off Kingston last week.

The swell was high and choppy. It was not brought by wind, but may have been the result of a sea-bed earthquake in the Pacific.

Slings of cargo from the Ile de Lumiere were smashed against the ship's side as the ship and the lighters rose and plunged in the swell.

extensive damage

While none of the men were reported injured, many were soaked and extensive damage was done to lighters, slings and cargo.

Packing cases burst apart and their contents scattered.

"Split sacks of sugar and broken tins of golden syrup -- ugh!' said one merchant, looking sadly at a heap of splintered crates in the shop's backyard.

Owners of four motor cars due to be the ship, and the lighter crews seemed to think they'd made the right decision.

Frank and Dolly Mitchell, booked to leave the Island on the ship, found shipped to New Zealand decided not to risk having the cars lightered out to

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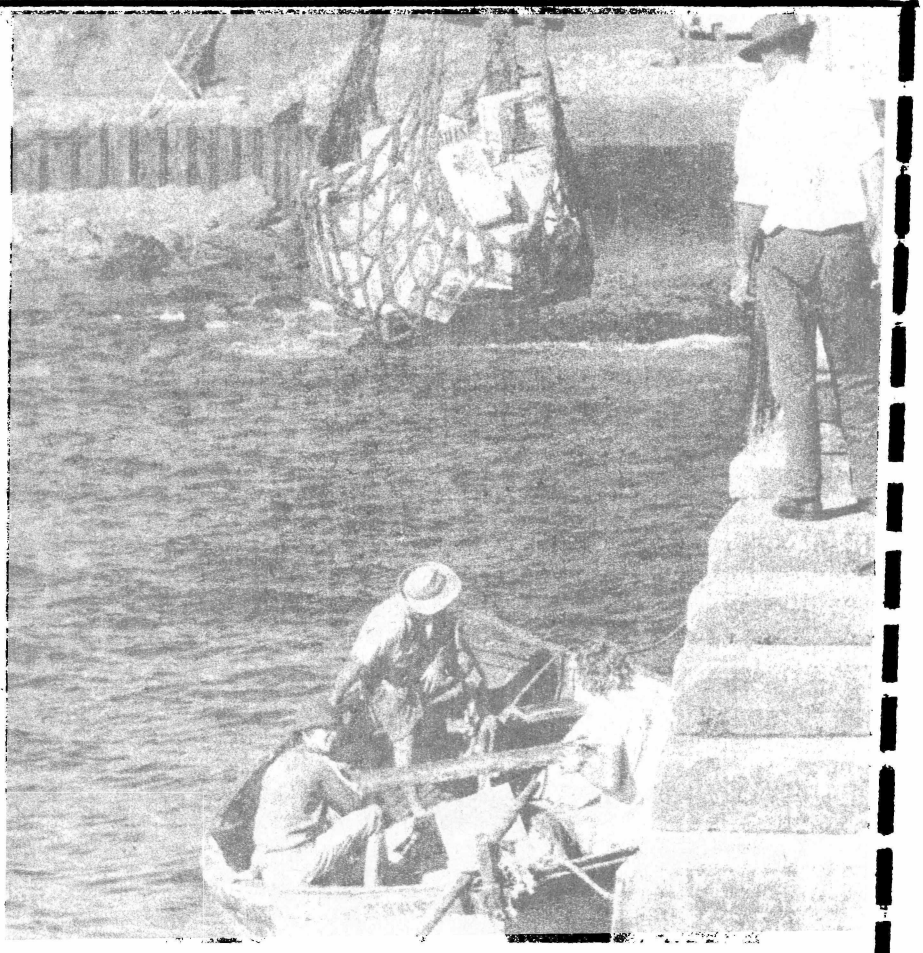

POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR--

FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK

A NEW VOCATIONAL education program is being considered for fourth-formers at Norfolk Island Central School next year.

Headmaster Ian McCowan says the program would need "almost 100% support" from parents, the Admininstration and island employers if it is to be

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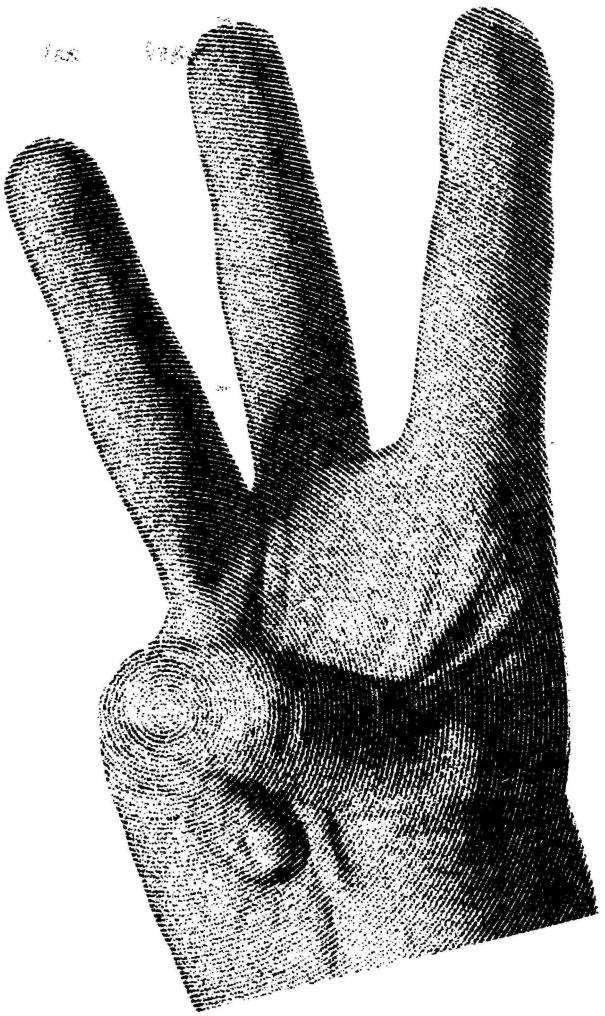

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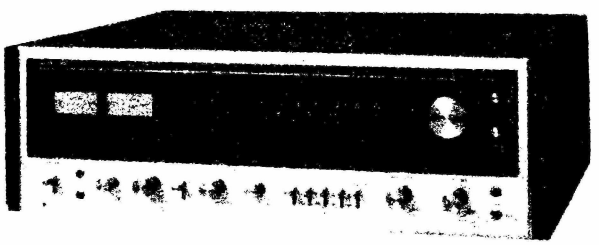

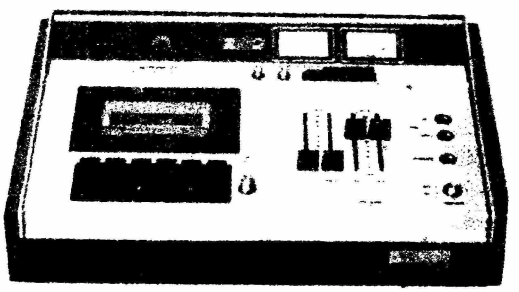

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TWO-STOREY HILLCREST HOTEL, OPENING SUNDAY, IS MAJOR ADDITION TO TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Channel islands couple here as managers

THE NEW 60-BED Hillcrest Hotel will receive its first guests next Sunday.

Located on a wooded site back of Nimpex off Taylor's Road, the 24-room, two-storey hotel will be the largest addition to the Island's accommodation since the South Pacific Hotel Motel was completed.

It will be managed by Peter and Ann Guile, who formerly managed a resort hotel in Alderney, in the Channel Islands off the English coast.

Alderney is the northernmost of the British Channel Islands. It has a population of about 1500 and is about three square miles in area. Ann was born on the isle of Jersey, and as seems to be the way in small islands, was quickly given a life-long nickname: "Mudgi".

The new hotel's dining room and kitchens have been built by extending the former home of Jim Needham, who is managing director of the owning company. It is a fine example of early Norfolk architecture, with pine panelled walls and 12-feet-high panelled ceilings.

furnishings

The dining room has been carpeted, but awaits furnishings that are due to arrive on the Port de France about December 24th. A bar built along one wall of the room has been fitted with spirit-dispensing fittings, but awaits a private hotel license that is due to be considered by the liquor licensing board once the hotel has been completed.

The Hillcrest will charge $23 a day, double. Each room will be connected into the hotel's internal telephone system, and room service will be available.

Other directors of Hillcrest Hotels include Leo O'Sullivan and Joe Meuller.

EDUCATION

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put into effect.

The program has been tried with good results in several N.S.W. schools.

It squeezes the normal school week's work into four days, with longer hours each day.

The fifth day is spent working at a job for a brief period, to gain practical experience of what sort of occupation may suit the individual best.

Over the course of the year each fourth-former would work in perhaps ten different jobs on the island.

If they are paid for the work -- and in some cases they might do the work purely for its training and experience value --

pay for Tour

They might not be paid for the work. If they were, it is expected the wages received would all go into a common pool to help finance such activities as the School Tour.

Chris Hughes is in charge of exploring the idea with local employers, and has found good reception so far.

Mr. McCowan says if the programe should be adopted it could go into effect early in 1976.

He points out that it would mean harder work for both students and members of the teaching staff.

supervised

Students' work and performance in their outside jobs would be supervised by the school, as well as by the employer.

In New South Wales, some educators are advocating that the vocational-experience training should start at the beginning of secondary school. In first and second years, students would spend one-tenth of the week on extra-curricular activities of this kind.

In third and fourth form they would spend a fifth of the week learning what it is like to work at various jobs.

GROUNDSWELL

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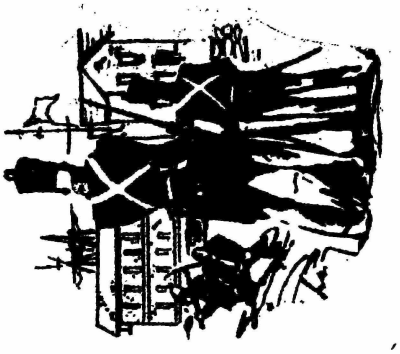
their Subaru couldn't go aboard and postponed their own voyage.

Short and Helen McLean's Subaru also failed to get aboard, as did a Volvo and a Cortina belonging to Stuart Coulston.

Some thousands of potential copies of the News were turned into instant fish-and-chips wrappers as a case of newsprint was smashed to bits.

The newsprint, made in Finland, was the first of several consignments in what may be the largest order of paper ever placed from the Island. In all, it includes adequate newsprint to assure the News of uninterrupted supply - and no price increases - for over a year.



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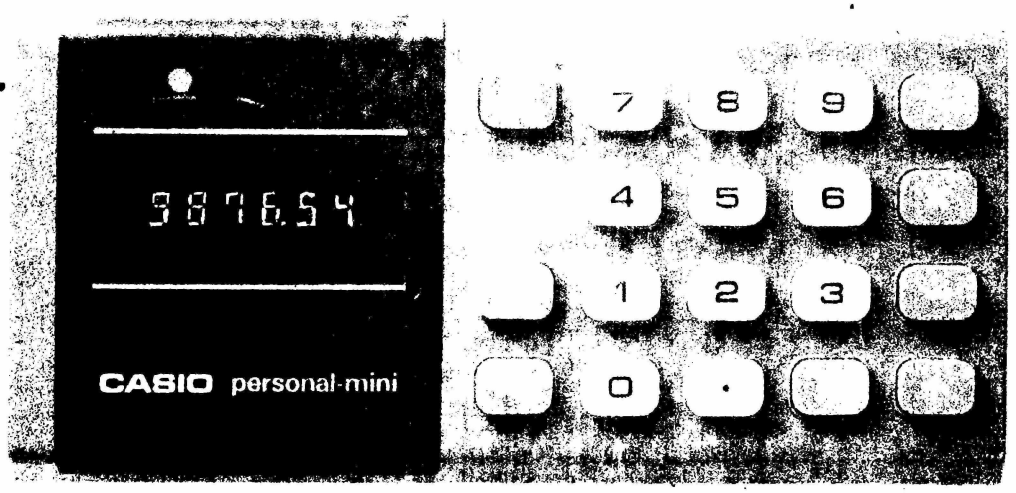

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ARTS COUNCIL'S NEW $1000 SOUND SYSTEM IS JUST 'FANTASTIC', PRESIDENT NED LENTHALL SAYS

THE ARTS COUNCIL's new sound was co-star with folk singer and entertainer Alex Hood at Rawson Hall Thursday night.

"It's fantastic," said President Ned Lenthall.

The equipment has been bought with assistance of funds from the Australian Council, Mr. Lenthall said.

When complete, it will have cost a total of about $1000.

Alex Hood entertained nearly 300 children at Central School Thursday lunchtime.

"The school show was terrific," Mr. Lenthall said.

The crowd of 200 who turned up to hear him that night was very good for the time of year, Mr. Lenthall said, and were enthralled for more than two hours.

Next year, the Arts Council hopes to stage four shows, with all dates announced together, well in advance of the first performance.

The present system of offering 50 centd discount on tickets to members will be continued.

"Membership subscription of $2 can be fully recouped," Mr. Lenthall said.

The annual report will be presented at the annual general meeting to be held in January.

The News plans special issues

DURING THE HOLIDAYS the News will publish two special issues, each requiring a fortnight to prepare.

Our next issue will be on sale on Tuesday December 30th, following the holiday weekend of five days.

It will include a review of 1975 on Norfolk, and will be particularly suitable for posting to friends and family overseas. While an extra print run has been scheduled, order the copies you will want, as they will soon become collectors' items.

The next following issue will go on sale January 12th, and will include a forecast of what lies ahead for the Island in 1976.

Both special issues will sell for the normal price, and advertising rates will remain the same. Advertisers are urged to make space bookings early if they wish to be included in the bonus circulation and mailings.

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We're on the phone at last— you can ring us on NI 2348

THERE MAY NO longer be a newspaper in the world that doesn't have a telephone.

The News was produced for more than half a year without being on the air. This meant a lot of news could not be chased up because there were not enough hours in the day.

It also meant that outraged readers had to drive down to Collins Head in order to register their protests.

two queues

On Tuesdays there were usually two queues, one at the News Office and one at the editor's house. To avoid unfairness, people with complaints were given numbered chits, so they could be assured that someone else would not get their scream heard first. Coffee was served, and many good friendships sprang up among people waiting to assault the editor.

Now the News has a phone.

The News phone will not be tended at all hours, but protests and accusations can now be transmitted electrically when someone is in the New Office by dialing 2348.

The editor's home phone number (for compliments and lunch invitations only, please) is 2349.

Four divorces

SUPREME COURT actions last week included orders that Nimpex N.I. should pay $2,200 to the estate of James Allen; that Peter and Annette Hoyt should pay $25 back interest to Brian Cooper; that Kingfisher Ltd. and Empress Finance Ltd. should be dissolved; and that marriages of Betty and James Laing, Maureen and Don Reynolds, Helen and Brian Crossley and Jacquelin and Geoffrey Ryan should be dissolved.

There was no sitting of the Court of Petty Sessions.

They're dreaming of a dusty Christmas

A DUSTY CHRISTMAS is on the cards after all for residents of Beefsteak Road in Longridge.

Sealing of the densely-populated lane was given high priority by the Works Committee, but the arrival of the Hanseat and the Ile de Lumiere took most of the road workforce off their regular duties and into lighterage operations.

Rough weather and jumbled cargoes delayed unloading. As a result, according to Works Supervisor Boony Buffett, a fortnight of normal Works Department progress has been lost.

Mr. Buffett said it was now hoped that sealing of Selwyn Pine Road could be finished by Christmas, but the Ile de Lumiere is scheduled to return from New Zealand in a week or so, and further delays could occur.

Giant station

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Anthony Custance has turned up on the giant Wingadee property north-west of New South Wales, jackerooing.

Be something of a contrast to Norfolk, where Anthony was looking after dad's place a few months back.

The main homestead at Wingadee is set well back from the road ... 25 miles back as a matter of fact.

The station has its own general store and pub.

Specs shock

A RESIDENT TELLS us he recently received a pair of spectacles by air mail from New Zealand.

Postage was 29 cents - about 24 cents Australian, he says.

He had to send the same glasses back for adjustment, paying Australian postage, which came to an astonishing $2.25.

PRIZEGIVING AND CONCERT WIND UP THE YEAR FOR THE CHILDREN OF NORFOLK ISLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL

INFANTS ACADEMIC PRIZES

1st GRADE

Louise Nobbs 1st, Bobbie Heins 2nd, Andrew Brown - Mark McCoy - Most Improved.

2nd GRADE

Sue Pearson 1st, Annette Coleman 2nd, Glen Knight - Most Improved.

PRIMARY ACADEMIC PRIZES

3rd GRADE

Justine Cree 1st, Geoffrey LeCren - Most Improved.

4th GRADE

Patricia McCarthy 1st, Gillian Alston - Most Improved.

5th GRADE

Darren Buffett 1st, David Nobbs - Most Improved.

6th GRADE

Bronwyn Smith, Juliette Yager 1st, Janelle Blucher - Most Improved.

PRIMARY HONOUR AWARD PRIZES

3rd GRADE - Darren Nicolai
4th GRADE - Paul Muscat
5th GRADE - Denise Huckstep
6th GRADE - Brenda Summerscales
OVERALL WINNER... Gary Bigg

SECONDARY ACADEMIC PRIZES

FORM I

Judy Anderson - 1st in English, Science, Social Studies
Glen Peters - 1st in Mathematics
Ann McCoy - 1st in Girl's Craft
John McCoy - 1st in Boy's Craft
Leanne Boucher - 1st in Secondary Music

FORM II

Helen Svendsen - 1st in English, Mathematics, Science, Home Science, Needlework.
Patricia Smith - 1st in Geography, Secondary French
Leon McCowan - 1st in Metalwork
Mark Prechelt - 1st in Woodwork
Robbie McCoy - 1st in Agriculture
Peter Quintal - 1st in Technical Drawing
Glen Blucher - 1st in Secondary Art

FORM III

Kerry Robertson - 1st in Mathematics, Science, Geography, Technical Drawing, Secondary Commerce
John Jenkins - 1st in Woodwork, Metalwork
Cherie Nobbs - 1st in English
Julieanne Bunker - 1st in Needlework
Debra Nobbs - 1st in Home Science
Noel Bunker - 1st in Agriculture

FORM IV

Richard Robertson - 1st in Mathematics, Science, Metalwork
Anna Christian - 1st in English, Geography
Carolynne Douran - 1st in Needlework, Home Science
David Evans - 1st in Woodwork
Michael Sanders - 1st in Agriculture

SCHOOL SERVICE PRIZES

JUNIOR BOY: John Pitcher
JUNIOR GIRL: Wendy Anderson, Sheryl Deadman
SENIOR BOY: John Jenkins
SENIOR GIRL: Debra Nobbs

CAPTAINS PRIZES

Anna Christian
Richard Robertson

BANK PRIZES

Rhonda Buffett, Sheryl Deadman, Jane Evans, Michele LeCren, Robyn Nicolai, Wendy Anderson, Juliette Yager, Bronwyn Smith

Six new teachers to start in 1976

NEW DEPUTY MASTER of the Norfolk Island School, in charge of the primary school, is Mr. Paul Travers. He replaces Steve Galbraith.

Mr. Travers comes from Northmead, N.S.W. He is married and has two pre-school children.

Other new teaching staff who will take up duties from January 27th are Mr. Malcolm Standstrom, of Penshurst, who is also married, with one pre-school child (Mr. Standstrom replaces John Snelling); Miss M.C. Chandler, of Mudgee, replacing Liz Sciulli; Mr. S.J. Robinson, of Forster, who will teach English, replacing Kathy Chivers; Miss R.J. Roberts, of Deniliquin, who will take Mrs. Galbraith's place teaching home science and needlework; and Mr. P.R. Lamb, of Wagga, who will replace David Regal as teacher of industrial arts.

Students go back to school January 28th.

THE "NORFOLK LIVING" EDITRESS IS STILL TALKING ABOUT...

JIGGETY jagged to Pitcairn Memorial Hall Friday morning for a quick chat with Dyann Fitzpatrick who with Jan Christian conceived the idea of the newest venture on Norfolk - The Mini-Market.

Congratulations to exhibitors Jane Craven, Lynn Berriman, Amy Bathie, Neen Merrill, Gwen Stanton, The Wives and Mothers Club and to Dyann and Jan who have put into operation their long-time dream of promoting Norfolk's crafts. Hope there will be more exhibitors each fortnight and that this will become a project which the island community will do its best to support.

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SGT. HARRISON is truant officer and inspector of brands, marks and slaughtering.

TONY GUISEPPI is food sales inspector.

SURVEYOR: P.J. Robinson authorised.

DECLARED RESIDENTS: Peter & Joyce Middleton, Eric & Thelma Semple.

TENDER for new Works Depot vehicle shelters won by Nobby Bruce, $58,863.02.

NO SAND to be taken from Emily or Slaughter; only from Cemetery Bay as set out in Gzt. 52, 13/11/75.

AIR FARES and other assistance available to help children of residents continue education overseas: applications must be in by 9/1/76.

ABSENTEE Ballots were available for Australian elections.

VEHICLE INSPECTOR: Robin McGlasham authorised.

PHONE OPERATOR: Mrs. Cecily Bigg apptd. weekdays to 17/1.

COURT of Petty Sessions 13/1 10am.

LIQUOR LICENSE for Hillcrest Hotel applied for by Jim Needham.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE, hairdressing and food sales licenses must be renewed by 1/1; some crown lease rentals also due then.

FINAL MEETING: Island Pines Ltd. 19/1.

NEW OWNERS FOR N.I.'S NO. 1 GROWING BUSINESS

NORFOLK'S NEW NURSERYMEN, Helen and Hugh Sampson, will operate from Tony Mathy's old shop until they are properly established out at Steel's Point.

Among the improvements they want to make to Bill Sanders Snr's old 1½ acre property is terracing at different levels.

They will sell from the area at the top of the driveway, near the Mokutu entrance.

The Sampsons brought a Leyland diesel van with them, so that they can deliver fully advanced trees and shrubs.

They'll probably put down a bore, but are waiting on arrival of tank moulds that got left behind in Nowra, New South Wales, Australia, where the Sampsons were running two nurseries for the last five years.

Before that, Hugh had been a market gardener, saw miller and dairy farmer.

Shade houses have to be built.

The exposed position is something of a worry too and windbreaks will have to be put up.

Helen and Hugh Sampson want to go heavily into propagating rather than importing, and a misting glass-house is on the drawing board too.

It may go down in the valley with the shade houses. "It's hot as hell down there," Helen reflected.

Helen thinks they might start propagating with hibiscus varieties, but she has her eye on a big red New South Wales Christmas bush she has noticed growing over a fence during her four weeks here.

Eventually, they'll be grafting name varieties of macadamias and avocadoes, and maybe mangoes.

But they have placed a big order with a Brisbane house for the last three trees to be delivered next year.

And they are keeping their fingers crossed about the mangoes too.

"Tony told us he lost 100 per cent of the mangoes he brought in last year, Helen said.

This was due to the notorious methyl bromide treatment.

The couple are just going through Australian and New Zealand seed catalogues.

They plan to try a lot of native plants from these countries.

So far, things are going well, and the only setback so far is a few hundred dollars worth of dents to the Leyland---one in each corner, which happened during unloading, when the truck twisted on the crane rope, just knocking against the ship's side.

ISLAND'S OWN ICE CREAM

N&I expanding again

NORFOLK ISLAND ICE-CREAM has appeared on Norfolk once again with the starting of production by Nobbs & Inglis.

Last Monday the firm began making a range of flavours including vanilla, lime, strawberry, chocolate and strawberry-nut .

It is being sold in small containers at Centre Point Delicatessen. The Castaway Hotel was the first bulk user to begin buying the locally-made product.

FLIGHTS AT PEAK

AIR SERVICE moves into top gear this week, with flights from Sydney every day and flights from Auckland every day but Tuesday.

Qantas is making twin flights from Australia on Saturdays and Sundays, and Wednesday week as well.

Passenger seats are booked virtually full from Sydney through January 10th, and from Auckland December 20th-January 4th.

In the week to Saturday, 845 Kg of cargo arrived from Sydney. Air New Zealand's F-27s nearly doubled that total, bringing in 1499 Kg. Norfolk Island Airlines continued to handle substantial shipments from Brisbane, totalling 450 Kg.

There are no restrictions on cargo at the moment, other than Qantas's inability to accept packages that can't fit into the cargo hold door.

Flights This Week

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S	1.35	2.45	10.30	11.45	5.15	8.30
"	4.20	5.20				

U.N. TO STUDY FUTURE OF TOKELAU ISLANDS

A DRAFT RESOLUTION welcoming a New Zealand invitation to the United Nations to send a fact-finding mission to the Tokelau Islands in mid 1976 has been unanimously adopted by the UN fourth committee (trusteeship).

The mission will study the possibilities for the islands' future political development, the territory's situation and the wishes and aspirations of its people.

The UN's special committee on decolonisation earlier noted with appreciation the steps taken by New Zealand to enable the Tokelau Islanders to determine their own future and welcomed New Zealand's effective participation in UN consideration of the question.

AUSTRALIA, JAPAN LOOK AT SOLOMONS ALUMINA

A FEASIBILITY STUDY into what could become a $200m. alumina investment on Rennell Island in the Solomon Islands got underway recently. Reports say the Government of the Solomons has signed an agreement with the Mitsui Mining and Smelting Company and Pacific Aluminium Proprietary Limited, a subsidiary of Conzinc Riotinto of Australia, authorising the study to be undertaken.

A Mitsui spokesman said the study should be completed by the end of this year. If the study is successful, an alumina producing plant will be built on Rennell, where Mitsui owns mining rights for local bauxite deposits estimated to contain 30 million tonnes.

Another 30 million tonnes is expected to be found on Wagina Island where Conzinc Riotinto has the mining rights. It also would be processed through the Rennell plant.

ISLANDERS ARE WARNED N.Z. LIFE IS RUGGED

DON'T COME TO AUCKLAND until the economy recovers, is the advice given to Pacific Islanders by the co-chairman of the Pacific Islanders Advisory Council, Samoan Mr. V. Ala'ilima Eteuati.

He told the Urbanization and Auckland Conference that almost every Islander family in Auckland had one member out of work just now.

Mr. Eteuati also painted a grim picture of Islander life in New Zealand.

They earned high wages.. but at a price.

A Pacific Island family lived in darkness for a week because they did not know how to change a light bulb and none knew the word for bulb.

Another family had cooked on a furnace in the backyard for a week.. they did not know how to put 20c in the gas meter.

The dangers of the situation were exacerbated by the city's housing shortage, providing a rich ground for unscrupulous landlords.

Overcrowding led to deteriorating health. Excessive drinking led to brushes with the law. Too often children tended to become delinquent.

They continue to come here, however, to better their lot, to educate their children, to gain employment.

"But the real reason is to rub shoulders with the white man, though no Islander will ever admit that".

PACIFIC ROUND

FOR THE INFORMATION OF TOURISTS

CASUAL GUEST POLICY

South Pacific
hotel/motel limited

VISITORS TO NORFOLK are sometimes uncertain about the casual-guest policies of the Island's leading hotel.

The brief answer is that you're most welcome, regardless of where you may be staying.

Luncheon at the South Pacific is always pleasant. When the weather is fine you may be served at a table beside the swimming pool. If you prefer, you may sit in the glass-walled indoor Barbecue Room overlooking the pool and a backdrop of Norfolk Island Pines.

The luncheon menu always includes one inexpensive dish, usually $1 or $1.50, and a beautiful array of hot and cold dishes.

Five Nights a Week there is special entertainment; MONDAY a smorgasbord and dance; TUESDAY Housie; THURSDAY a barbecue and dance; SATURDAY a candlelight dinner (with a fine steak main course only $5.25); and SUNDAY dinner and a film.

Our four chefs have studied on four continents and present the best in imported and local foods, artfully prepared, and served by the attractive girls in the bright cerise-coloured uniforms.

Two requests, please: make bookings before 4.30 to assure a table, and arrange to arrive before 8.00.

COME AND ENJOY The South Pacific early in your visit ... you'll want to return.

Welcome to Norfolk Visitors -- Lift out this supplement and keep it with you. Info on times & places. Map of the Island.

NORFOLK TOURIST NEWS

Many Duty-Free Shops Open on the Weekend

Mostly, Burnt Pine shops are open from 9am to 12.30, and from 2pm to 5.30. Mostly they close Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The larger stores tend to be open more hours and are more likely to be open Sunday mornings. One of the pleasant things about running a small shop on Norfolk is that you can weigh very light store traffic against very beautiful weather outside, say "this is crazy," shut the doors again, and go to the beach or work in the garden. Don't be upset if someone is closed -- envy them.

Places offering a bite to eat (sandwiches, take-away meals, fish and chips etc.) have varying hours, and if you find one you like make a note of its hours so you won't be disappointed another day.

The Milk Bar (really a general store) and Burns Philp's store at Middlegate are both open long hours, every day, and provide a real service to visitors and residents alike.

Post Office Ready to Help; and 1¢ Postage!

Norfolk may be the last place in the world where you can mail a local letter for 1c. There are collection boxes at several places around the island, but there is no mail delivery; everyone picks up his mail from the Post Office in Burnt Pine.

It opens at 8.54am, closes for lunch from 12.30 to 1.15pm, and is open until 5pm -- on weekdays only.

Postmaster Foxy McCoy and Edie Christian, Lorraine Conaghan and Peter Evans actually work longer hours than that. Mail is sorted right after its arrival by air every day but Sunday. People with postal emergencies have been known to communicate with the P.O. staff after hours by calling through the mail slots, so if you see someone talking to a slot some evening don't be unnerved.

Sydney closing times are Sunday at 12.30pm, Wednesday and Saturday at 11.30am. Auckland: 12.30pm Sunday, 4.00pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for despatch the following day.

Back issues of Norfolk's unique stamps aren't sold by the Post Office. If you want them (and many people do, for they are nice to have and a good investment), go see Amy Bathie at DeChesne's Store across from the Milk Bar.

This Week on Norfolk

MONDAY
Housie, Leagues Club
Smorgasbord, South P. Hotel
Film, Norfolk Hotel

TUESDAY
Commandant's Dinner, Garrison
Film, Paradise Hotel
Film, Leagues Club
Darts, R. S. L. Club

WEDNESDAY
School sailing Emily Bay 1pm
Film, sm'bord, Valley View
N. I. Film, Paradise Hotel
Open Night, Norfolk Hotel

THURSDAY
Island dinner, Branka House
Housie, Leagues Club
Barbeque, South Pac. Hotel
Film, R. S. L. Club

FRIDAY
Open Night, Paradise Hotel
Film, R. S. L. Club

SATURDAY
Open Night, Norfolk Hotel
Barbeque, South Pac. Hotel
Housie, R. S. L. Club

SUNDAY
Film, sm'bord, Valley View

Good Phone and Cable Links, But Not 24Hrs

International phone calls and telegrams are handled by the Norfolk Branch of Australia's Overseas Telecommunications Commission, 100 yards or so up New Cascade Road from the main shopping thoroughfare.

Christine Sheridan is the phone operator weekdays, Margaret Christian in the evenings, and Jess Buffett on weekends.

Overseas phones operate from 10am to 8pm Monday through Friday; from 10am to 6pm Saturdays; and from 10am to noon, and again from 3pm to 6pm on Sundays.

Three minutes to Australia costs $3.75 ($1.25 for additional minutes). A minimum call to New Zealand is $4.68, plus $1.56 for each minute over three. Sometimes there can be a delay. The beginning and end of each day are the busiest times, and if you must get through then it can help to make a booking in advance.

The telegraph office next door operates different hours; 9am to 6pm weekdays, 9am to 2.30pm Saturdays, and 9am to 2pm Sundays. John Brooksbank is manager. Chubby Gillan and Harry Nichols will sell you messages at 5c a word to either Australia or New Zealand. If you send a weekend telegram to Australia you'll need the phone number, because Australia doesn't deliver telegrams on Saturday or Sunday.

Telegrams are delivered on Norfolk by Merv Buffett, a job requiring good motorbike handling, a genius for spotting people on the road.

a complaint? a bouquet?
There is a suggestion box at the Tourist Bureau; or write the News, P. O. Box 94.

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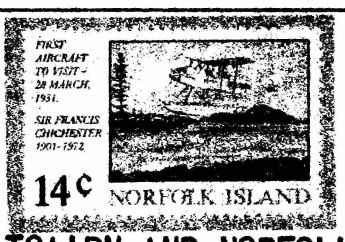

PITCAIRN AND NORFOLK stamps, 1st Day Covers

BACK ISSUES -- VARIETY OF SETS
De Chesne's Store at Hospital Corner

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO **NORFOLK ISLAND**

Here are a few of the many things to see on the island. Enjoy them during the day -- you can shop late at the Milk Bar

1 AIRPORT TERMINAL and Air Cargo office
2 SHOPPING CENTRE, Post Office, Banks, Tourist Board
3 ISLAND ADMINISTRATION ; Bond Store for spirits
4 CEMETERY -- touching inscriptions on old headstones
5 BLOODY BRIDGE, site of one of Norfolk's legends
6 NORFOLK ISLAND GOLF CLUB -- visitors welcome
7 CINEMAS: Rawson Hall and Mission Rd. Theatrette
8 HOSPTAL AND DENTAL SURGERY
9 O. T. C. -- International phone calls, telegrams
Ⓡ HISTORIC RUINS of early Norfolk settlements
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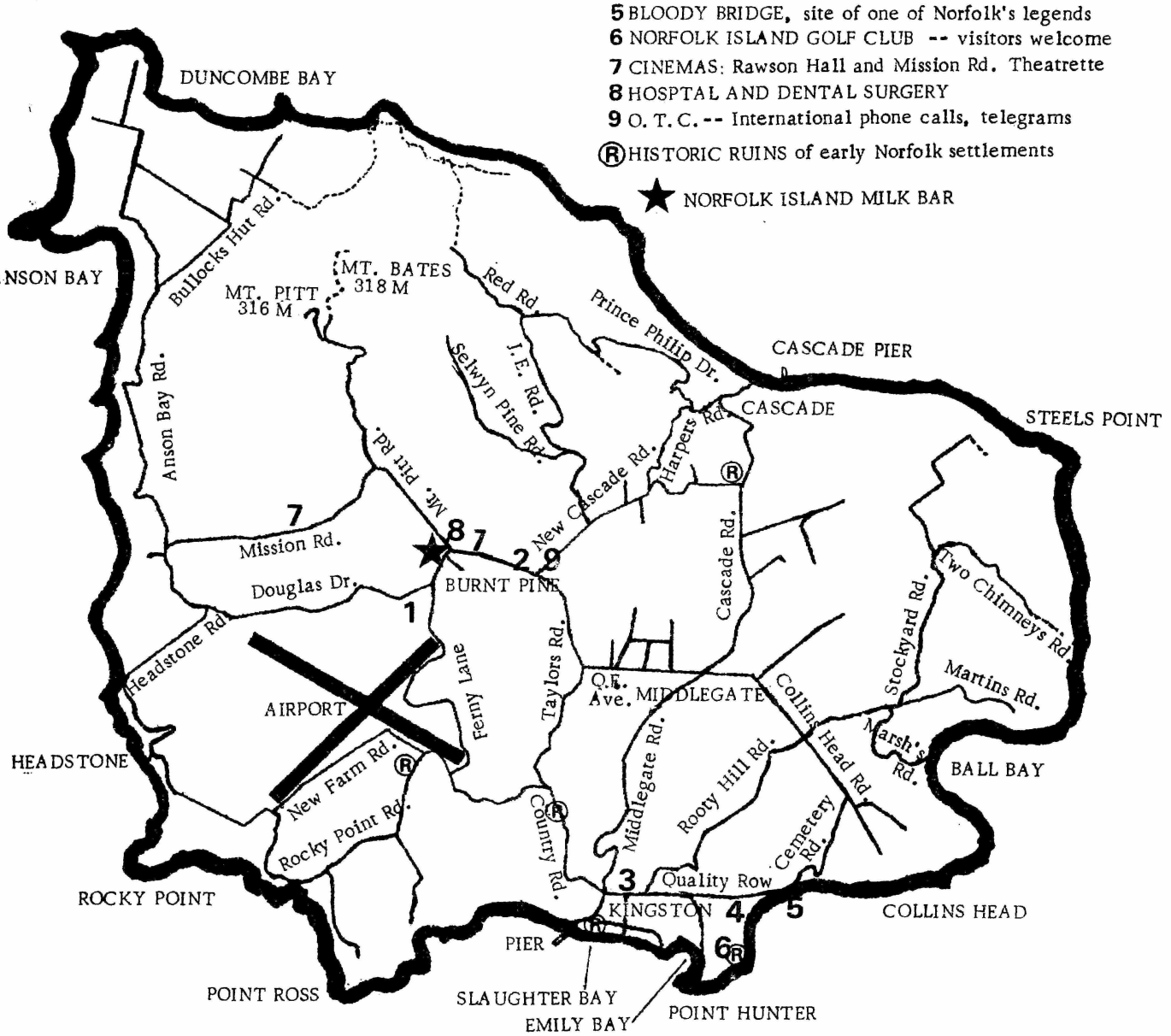

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Low-Priced Grog, but Remember Bond's Hours

The Island's only "bottle shop" is the Administration-run Bond Store, in the New Military Barracks compound at Kingston.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again from 2 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. It is closed the last weekday of each month for inventory.

The bond carries an ample range of spirits and liqueurs (about half mainland price), Sydney, Melbourne and sometimes German beers (about 12c a can less than mainland) and Australian and European wines (about the same as mainland.)

Goof LeCren and Pete Connolly are on duty to help you select. They point out that the bond imports most of its stock directly from the countries of origin.

Of special visitor interest are limited bottlings of reisling and claret in commemorative Norfolk Bi-Centenary bottles, and a growing range of miniature bottles of exotic liqueurs.

A branch of the bond store operates at the airport, for departing travellers only, and charges a bit higher prices - worth the convenience if you want to take some cheer back home with you.

A Priority N.I. Need

Norfolk meets its community needs mainly by community effort rather than by complicated welfare and taxation systems. One of the good causes people on Norfolk support and contribute to is the Norfolk Island Hospital.

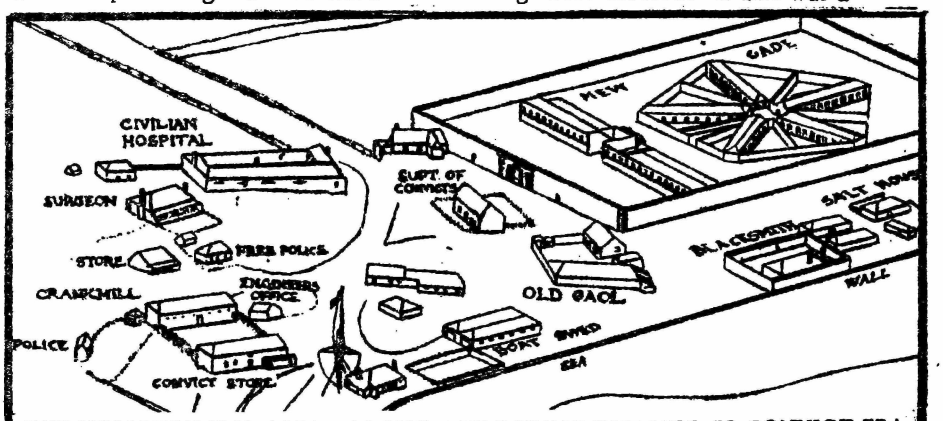
Doctor: 9.30-11.30 and 2-3Mon-Fri Sat. (urgent only) 9-10am
Dentist: 9-5, weekdays only
Visiting: 11-12; 2-4; 7-8.30

As we hope visitors won't have to learn by personal experience, the hospital is well run.

If your enjoyment of Norfolk during your visit should make you wish there were something you might do for the island community in return, a contribution to the Norfolk Island Hospital Board may be forwarded to the News, P. O.Box 94.

NORFOLK'S HISTORY: GRIM, FASCINATING, TOUCHING
It's Worth a Thought...Reading...a Lifetime

That correct gentleman, Captain James Cook, discovered Norfolk Island in 1774. He spent only part of a day here but was anchored offshore looking at it for an afternoon and a night. He thought it was like New Zealand and was particularly taken by the Spruce Pines, as he called them, and being proper, thought of them as masts for His Majesty's Royal Navy. (For historians, Cook's Journals and Joseph Banks' Logs and even novels about Captain Bligh and Matthew Flinders will really whet your appetite.)



THE KINGSTON PIER AREA, AS BUILT UP DURING THE 1825-55 CONVICT ERA
(Full drawing of early Kingston sold by N. I. Administration. Copy by permission.)

Just after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay and meagre, muddy Sydney was beginning to be settled, Lieutenant Phillip Gidley King was sent to Norfolk by Captain Arthur Phillip in H. M. S. "Supply" to start a settlement to prevent the Island being settled by any other European power, King took along 24 settlers, 15 of whom were convicts.

For some time there was question of whether Sydney in New South Wales or Sydney (Norfolk Island) would be the most successful colony. (Sydney on Norfolk Island was changed to Kings Town and then Kingston.)

The Island settlement was hard to maintain for many reasons- distance and difficulty of access being two of them, and it was decided that bonded and free settlers should be moved to Tasmania. The settlers had worked very hard to farm the land and eke out an existence, and must have been discouraged. It is said their morale and morals were deteriorating by 1803; home-made spirits may have helped or hindered them.

By 1814 the Island was deserted.

In 1825 Norfolk Island became a penal settlement and was a hell on earth for most people living here. This period lasted 31 years. In spite of the misery a great deal of work was done - land was cleared, fields worked and lovely Georgian buildings were erected. It also was a time when some of the cruelest punishments in British history were meted out.

In 1855 the convict settlement was abandoned and in June 1856, 194 Islanders from Pitcairn Island landed here. These new settlers, descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers, had over-populated Pitcairn, and for romantic and practical reasons were given Norfolk Island.

The difficulties, uniqueness and genuine love of this Island of the families who stayed here would take volumes of a historian's time. The marvelous thing is that most did stay.

In 1856 Norfolk Island was created a "distinct and separate settlement." In 1913 the Island became a territory of Australia. It is now administered by the Department of the Capital Territory, with an Administrator appointed by Canberra on the Island, and an Advisory Council elected by the residents of Norfolk.

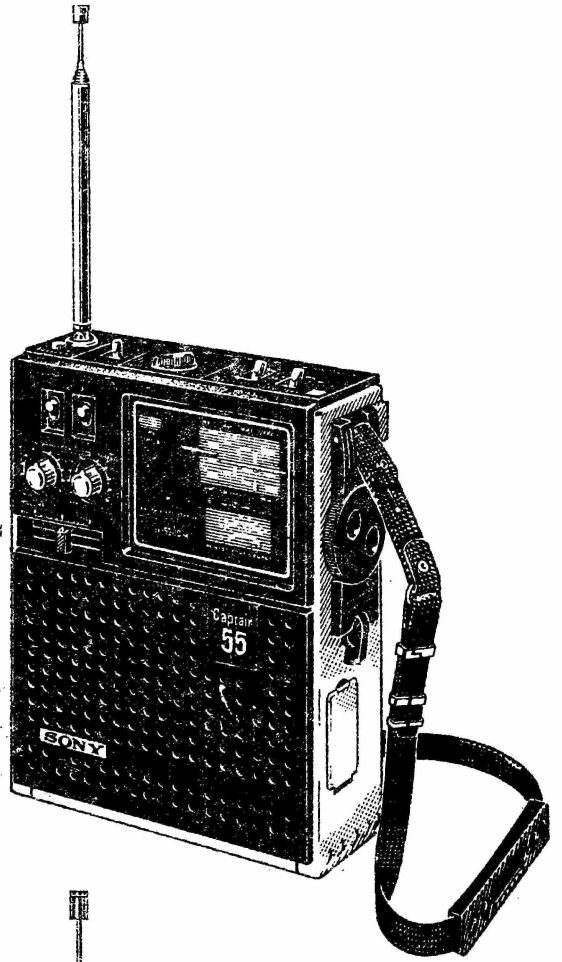
Visitors Welcome at N.I. Church Services

CATHOLIC:
Sunday mass 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm. Weekday mass, 5.30pm. Father Des. Scanlon.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND:
Communion service at All Saints, Kingston, at 10.30 a.m. Sunday, prayer service at St. Barnabas Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Sunday. Sunday School at 9.15 a.m. Rev. Colin Berriman.

METHODIST:
Sunday School 10 a.m., services at 11am and 7.30pm. Pastor John Sharp.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:
Sabbath School at 9.45 a.m. Saturdays, Service at 11.15 a.m., Saturdays. Pastor Ray Sills.



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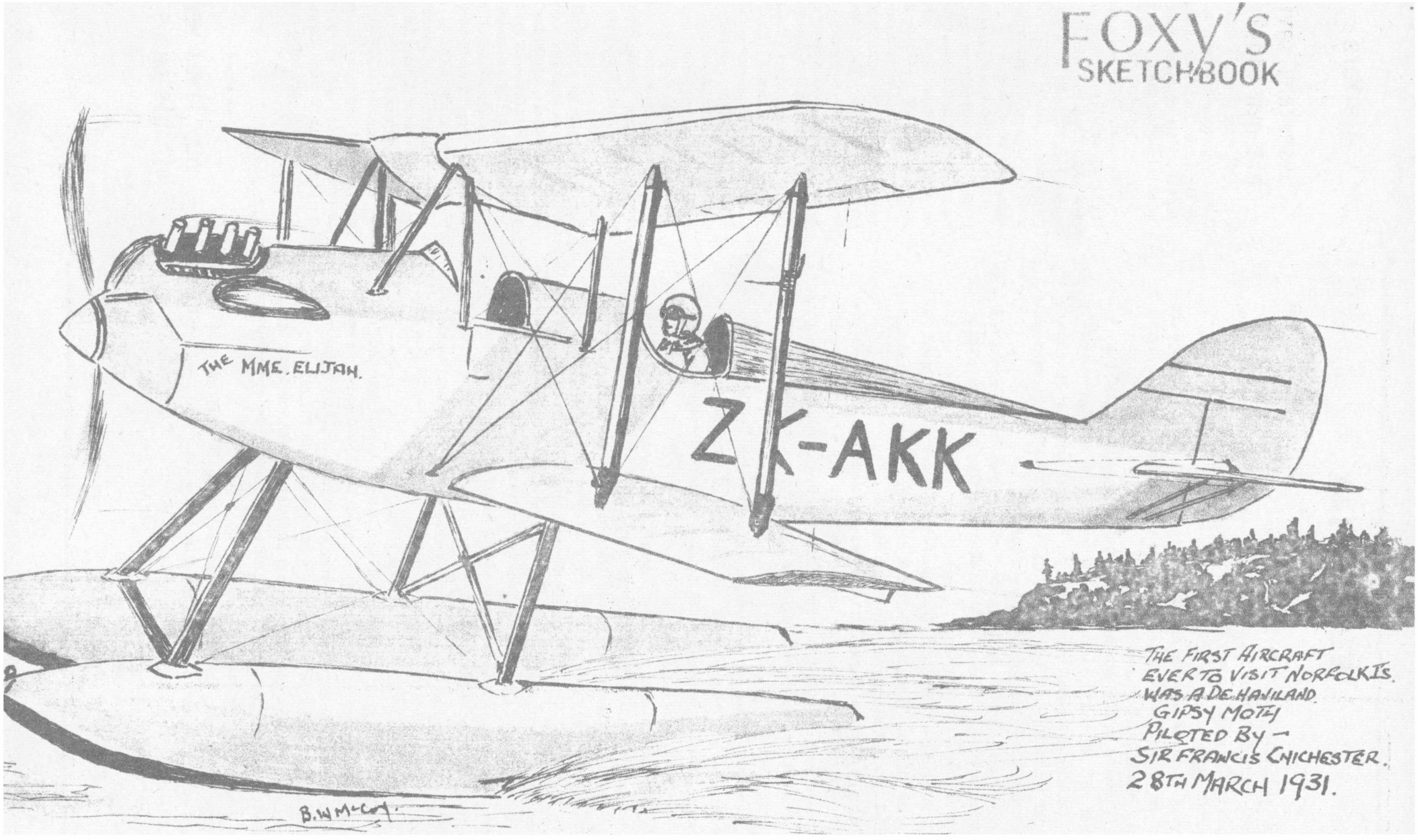

THE FIRST AIRCRAFT
EVER TO VISIT NORFOLK IS.
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GIPSY MOTH
PILOTED BY —
SIR FRANCIS CHICHESTER.
28TH MARCH 1931.

EDITORIAL

THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTION RESULT will have many effects on Norfolk.

The mainland voters have dismissed the Labor Government after having given it several years in power. Labor managed with a majority of three seats in the House; the Liberal - National Country Part Coalition seems to be assured of a majority of more than 50 seats, and seems to have retained control of the Senate. Mr. Whitlam is now only a Member, as is Mr. Bryant.

As a result, it seems probable that --

-- Pressures to amalgamate Norfolk Island into Australia, and make it conform with "the rest of Australia", will disappear for the time being.

-- Socialist philosophies, including Mr. Bryant's belief that there should be no private ownership of land on Norfolk, will become merely philosophies again rather than prospective Government policies.

-- Extensive Canberra spending, on Norfolk studies, visits, reports and supporting services, will soon dwindle. The possibility of a large grant to upgrade the airport may be less.

-- Business's willingness to take a punt on the future will re-appear, perhaps quite quickly. If this is reflected in economic recovery, as it should be, Norfolk's flow of Australian tourists should continue.

Inflation will be a greater, rather than less, threat for a time. Mr. Fraser may well feel that a bit more inflation is better than a continuation of heavy unemployment statistics. For Norfolk this would mean more shipping rises, more air fare rises, more increases in the cost of everything we import from Australia.

Devaluation of the Australian dollar becomes a clear possibility. Labor avoided it, not wanting to add one more shock to its catalogue of troubles in the past six months. But the Australian dollar seems over-valued in comparison with other leading currencies, and Mr. Fraser may find it easier to lump a 10 - 15% devaluation in with other housecleaning steps he will be taking. For Norfolk this would mean higher costs from outside Australia -- but a better deal for New Zealand tourists, who are important to our economy.

Mr. Athol Kelly will almost certainly not be our new Administrator. Mr. C. I. Buffett may find himself in the main chair at Kingston for some months, as the new Government tends to more urgent questions.

Sir John Nimmo's recommendations for the Island's future -- unless he believes we should become part of the mainland systems -- will probably be more likely to be accepted than if Labor had stayed in power. Separateness for Norfolk seemed to chafe Labor, but the Coalition probably won't care much either way, and will give weight to what Norfolk seems to want.

Respect for the Monarchy will regain ground.

We don't vote, and our ideas about what the new Government should do may not count for much. But if we were asked, we'd recommend an open mind on Sir John Nimmo's report; a reduction in extravagant spending by Canberra Departments 'in the interests of Norfolk'; a policy of allowing Norfolk to study and comment on any law at all that is proposed to apply here, before it goes into effect; and an early visit to Norfolk by the new Minister, if he does not have personal knowledge of the Island.

And we'd suggest, gratuitously, that well-to-do Lib supporters make a serious effort to develop some genuine philosophies about what the Australian people want. They were prone to ignore the question, as they chased Knighthoods and attended each others' receptions, and that's really why they were thrown out of office three years ago.

Letters

Secretary saving his own hide?

Was Mr. Engledow trying to focus the blame on Council to save his own hide during the concluding stages of the Royal Commission?

I refer to your last publication of 8th December, 1975, under the heading "Engledow Letters" your article says: "Mr. Engledow also strongly defended himself under what he called intemperate attacks made by Council over the suggested appointment of a legal drafting officer."

If Mr. Engledow was correctly reported I most strongly refute this assertion, and in particular the use of the words "intemperate attacks". Nothing could be further from the truth.

The subject relates to discussion concerning the appointment of another highly paid legal officer to do preliminary draft work on proposed local Ordinances. I quote from a letter to the Deputy Administrator dated 20th Oct. 1975 from the Secretary, Department of the Capital Territory, Canberra and placed before the Council Meeting 5th November, 1975 for consideration: "Are you prepared to recruit one extra senior man, at your Administration's expense, to begin to get training and experience in this work? " The same letter concludes: "Please discuss this with Council and let me have your views."

I do not know the expressed views of the Deputy Administrator apropos this matter. However, after careful and a moderate deliberation of the facts known to Council the matter was resolved: "All elected Councillors present voted in favour of the motion. The Chairman abstained. Carried.

If Mr. Engledow was prompted to go off half-cocked from the contents of the unconfirmed Council Minutes, or, the reported say-so of some stooge, then I should like to say that the burden on the Australian tax-payer for the high salary of a self-confessed "fat-cat" is surely money being poured down a "rat hole".

A.S. BATHIE

our lives were in his hands

I read with surprise the published Duffy's Gen and also my license which I have prized over the years since being on Norfolk during the war years but

having settled down to reading same I came to the conclusion that it was of interest to the people on Norfolk. I always said I would return to Norfolk and of course it took me 31 years but the place is still as beautiful and unhurried as before and my only comments are too many cars and too many shops selling the same things.

I was a Cpl. at the time under Spencer Clapp, and I would say he was one of the finest boatmen in the world because we worked Kingston and Cascade in some awful weather and he certainly trained us well. George Adams Snr. was what we call a hatchman and our lives were in his hands when landing cargo and also 44 gallon drums of petrol into a lighter that at times was moving along the ship and rising up about 10 feet also but never once missed putting them in or hurting anyone.

J. ROBINSON
ex Sgt. Marine Section.

the rights of the Senate and the G-G

MR. DAVID VENNING (Letters, 24th November) asks "How Sir John Kerr, a representative of an irrelevant European monarch, can dismiss a popularly and properly elected government, advised by a Chief Justice who is a former opposition party attorney-general."

Had Mr. Venning consulted the Australian Constitution, he would have found that the Queen is Queen of Australia and that none of her European titles is relevant.

The following sections of the Constitution appear to be material to what has happened in Australia.

As to the power of the Senate to refuse or defer supply:

"53. Proposed laws appropriating revenue or moneys, or imposing taxation, shall not originate in the Senate ... The Senate may not amend proposed laws imposing taxation or proposed laws appropriating revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government.

The Senate may not amend any proposed law so as to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people.

The Senate may at any stage return to the House of Representatives any proposed law which the Senate may not amend, requesting, by message, the omission or amendment of any items or provisions therein..."

As to whether the House of Representatives is superior to the Senate:

"53.....Except as provided in this section, the Senate shall have equal power with the House of Representatives in respect of all proposed laws."

As to the powers of the Queen:

"61. The executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in the Queen and is exercisable by the Governor-General as the Queen's representative, and extends to the execution and maintenance of this Constitution, and of the laws of the Commonwealth."

As to the power of the Governor-General to dismiss the Prime Minister (the underlining being my own):

"62. There shall be a Federal Executive Council to advise the Governor-General on the government of the Commonwealth, and the members of the Council shall be chosen and summoned by the Governor-General and sworn as Executive Councillors, and shall hold office during his pleasure."

"64. The Governor-General may appoint officers to administer such departments of state of the Commonwealth as the Governor-General in Council may establish. Such officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General. They shall be members of the Federal Executive Council and shall be the Queen's ministers of state for the Commonwealth..."

As to the Governor-General's power to prorogue the Parliament:

"5. The Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and may also from time to time, by proclamation or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament, and may in like manner dissolve the House of Representatives..."

As to the importance of supply:

"81. All revenues or moneys raised or received by the executive government of the Commonwealth shall form one Consolidated Revenue Fund, to be appropriated for the purposes of the Commonwealth in the manner and subject to the charges and liabilities imposed by this Constitution."

"83. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the Commonwealth except under appropriation made by law..."

No provision of the Constitution envisages the Governor-General taking the advice of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. Nor is this anywhere prohibited.

If analogies are relevant, the Queen of Great Britain has access to legal advice from the highest judges. If analogies are not relevant, then the propriety of the Governor-General's consulting the Chief Justice will depend on which of several available theories is preferred. Nonetheless, whatever legal advice he takes, the Governor-General is responsible for his own decision and in the present case, having been Chief Justice of New South Wales, Sir John may be better qualified than most to appreciate the legalities of the position.

It is irrelevant that the Chief Justice was formerly a Liberal attorney-general. It is equally irrelevant that the Governor-General was appointed on the advice of the Labor Party.

What is relevant is how the Governor-General, who is responsible for the executive government of Australia, can carry out his responsibilities according to law, when his advisers cannot obtain supply for that executive government according to law.

In the present climate, it may be impossible to approve or disapprove of the Governor-General's action without becoming involved in political argument. My purpose is only to point out that what the Governor-General did was clearly within his legal powers.

DUNCAN McINTYRE.

BUTCH QUINTAL, whose weekly cartoons are one of the most popular features in the News, is ill in hospital.

why did Alexander Smith change names?

As a writer researching the character of Alexander Smith (Ref. P. 57 Rambler's Guide) seaman of the "Bounty", it is interesting he nicknamed himself John Adams. This seems a contradiction in terms that he should have rejected the Alexander Smith for a name he himself favoured, after having become allegedly religious and a leader.

This opens many areas for speculation. Could you further enlighten me as to his motives re change of name.

Thanking you for your patience and understanding.

B. TANNER

SAME-DAY NEWSPAPERS
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10.05 Petula Part 9
10.45 Morn. serial
11.00 Morning Concert
11.30 Guest of Honour
12.00 Local News
12.05 Pop Spectacular
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TUESDAY
7.00 Music (Paul)
9.15 My Word (Beryl)
10.00 Local News
10.05 Memory Lane
10.45 Morning Serial
11.15 Vanity Fair
12.00 Local News
12.05 Sports Magazine
12.20 All That Jazz
1.00 News
1.15 Methodist Prog.

WEDNESDAY
7.00 Music (Roger)
9.15 Arts Magazine
9.30 Melody Time (Pat)
10.00 Local News
10.05 Contact
10.45 Morning Serial
10.00 Requests
12.00 News
10.00 News

THURSDAY
7.00 Music (Daphne)
9.15 Scope (Sylvia)
10.00 News
10.05 Where Angels Fear to Tread
10.45 Hospital Prog. Morning Serial
12.00 Local News
12.05 Intern'l Call
1.00 News
1.15 Seventh Day Adv.

FRIDAY
7.00 Music (Sylvia)
9.15 Music (Beryl)
10.00 Local News
10.05 World of Books
10.20 Bookworm
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Concert
11.30 Insight
12.00 News
12.05 Music & Songs of Another Country
1.15 Church of England

SATURDAY
10.00 Music (Sylvia)
10.30 Star Interview
12.00 Local News
12.05 Requests
1.00 World News

SUNDAY
4.00 Music
4.45 Aust. Top 20
5.30 World News
6.45 Children's Story
7.00 A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (Beryl)
7.45 Singers of Renown
8.30 Don Juan (23)
8.45 My Word It's My Music - & Christmas 'Special'
9.45 Music

MUSIC IN LONDON
by Michael Moran

THE FIRST PUBLIC engagement after winning an international piano competition is bound to put the extra burden of inflated public expectation on to a young pianist, particularly when the entire jury is known to have been unhesitating and unanimous in its decision.

Dmitri Alexeev is the First Prize-winner of this year's Leeds International Piano Competition. His first public recital in England (one of many rewards including a recording contract) was at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on November 20.

I approach this type of recital with particular anticipation founded on the youth and precocious talents of such performers.

Alexeev was born in 1947 in Moscow and at the age of six entered the Central Music School at the Moscow Conservatory.

After graduating at eighteen he entered the Moscow Conservatory where he studied under Professor Bashkorov.

In 1969 he won second prize at the Marguerite Long Competition in Paris and First Prize at the Georges Enescu Competition in Bucharest in 1970. He was also a major prizewinner in the Tchaikovsky Competition.

His playing had magnificent breadth and drive with an enormous range of tonal colour.

He possessed that majestic sweep of unequivocal authority that all great instrumentalists command. Naturally, I was ravished by what I venture to call his 'Russian tone', perfect spheres of sound, now martellato and clangorous, now lyrical and incandescent, the piano transformed into an orchestra.

That infallible judge, the tingle at the base of the spine produced by ringing, singing tone (the tone of other Russians such as Gilels, Richter, Horowitz) was present in abundance.

Such rare qualities made his desire to impress, overexcitement, frequent rushing and lapses of structural tension most confusing.

Inaccuracies were like nails driven into the brain (wrong notes with penetrating tone are agonizing).

He often broke the 'tonal ceiling' of the instrument with unusually ugly results owing to the intense contrast with the passages of tonal splendour.

Norfolk LIVING

questions&answers in a Norfolk Garden

IT'S ALMOST AS important to keep kikuyu from growing round young avocadoes as from bananas.

The reason is the same: competition from weeds suppresses fruiting.

Of course, an avocado will fruit eventually, but keeping the ground around the young tree clean will mean you pick fruit sooner.

Clearing can be done by spraying or by hoeing -- but if you hoe, keep it shallow, so as not to interfere with the surface root system.

Mulching is a good way to achieve clean ground, and cuts evaporation by half or more.

Avocadoes benefit from fertiliser, too, particularly nitrogen-containing fertilisers.

Most island avocadoes are grown from seedling, which is a lottery you have to wait years for the drawing -- to find out if the fruit is good.

A lot of seedling avocadoes produce good small-seeded fruit regularly, of course, but a lot don't.

And as the Norfolk fruit and vegetable market becomes more sophisticated, recognised varieties will be more valuable than orphans.

Anyway, grafted trees bear sooner -- as early as three years.

Avocadoes can be grafted or budded but grafting is usually preferred by experts.

You have to be quick, as air dries out the exposed surface and kills the tree cells.

The root stock can be grown from just about any avocado seed, but if you have a choice, pick a big seed from a vigorous grower.

You graft when the seedling is about 18 inches high, and although you can plant the seedling where you want the tree, remember that there will almost certainly be some grafting failures.

Put a stake in to tie the grafted plant later -- the graft can easily be broken open by wind in the first few months.

Choose your scion wood from any tree you fancy, but remember that named varieties have a lot of advantages.

Best known would be Fuerte, Hass and Sharwil, with varieties like Hazard, Rincon and Zutano in the field.

NOT SO LONG ago, soda bread was the staff of life on Norfolk, and together with bananas, kumerahs and pilhi, was found on most island tables.

Children took a couple of slices, spread with butter and guava jelly to school. A couple more slices, with some cold meat and cold baked kumerahs, went out with the men to the farm.

If it was the whaling season, several pieces of soda bread were the basis of victuals that might have to last 24 hours or longer.

Yeast bread was never baked much. Now, of course, most people get their bread over the counter, and yeast bread at that.

To many, a loaf of soda bread is just a big unwieldy scone, going dry and crumbly inside a day.

But not a good Norfolk loaf. In fact, a properly made soda loaf will stay fresh longer than yeast bread.

An expert baker of soda bread took pride in keeping the crumb as white as possible. In less skilled hands the loaf tends to go a sort of virulent yellow.

Worse, what should be a thin, golden crust, thickens into an inch or so of unappetising brown discoloration.

Here is a recipe from a woman who is undoubtedly an expert, Mrs. Julia Buffett, of Yaralla, Steel's Point.

Mrs. Buffett was chef at Government House from 1929 to 1932.

Stick to the instructions and you'll have a snowy white loaf.

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Take five cups of plain flour, one teaspoon of salt, one level teaspoon of baking soda and one heaped teaspoon of baking powder. Be sure it's accurately measured!

Mix with enough sour milk to make a soft dough.

Put in a greased bread tin and cook for only one hour.

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"The secret of white soda bread is never overbake it," Mrs. Buffett says.

Sometimes two parts of corn meal were added to one of flour.

And once in a while, sultanas or raisins would be added to the ingredients.

THE ARISTOS

by John Fowles

EVERYBODY IN LIFE needs some personal creed to live by, be it religious, ethical or personal. My own ethos is chiefly ethical, because religion seems a high-band self-determining circle where one is supposed to kow-tow to the ancient formulae of long-dead men who may have been leaders in their day but have no relevance to now. Rules and regulations all all very well, but sooner or later everything is subject to change, and what was a mortal sin fifteen years ago, such as Catholic women using the pill, has now been left to the discretion of individual bishops, which in essence means to every Catholic woman's conscience. Which really means that the highest in the land are not immutable and totally un-subject to change. So the religious need is self-eliminating from its very variability.

Then take the personal creed. I myself am as changeable as a spring zephyr when it comes to personal feelings. One moment I feel deeply about some subject, like liberty of conscience or belief, and the next moment my feelings are shattered by the arbitrary use of military law, curfew and martial law amongst a nation who until then was thought to be civilised. Like India until Mrs. Ghandi was thwarted and proclaimed herself a dictator. Even those who a few weeks ago listened to the rantings and ravings of a megalomaniac on the steps of Parliament House might have felt that the whole kaboosh might strike even nearer home.

Which leaves one with an ethical life's principle, which is the only one by which the thinking and sensible man can live. And it's here that "The Aristos" makes so much sense. The word "Aristos" has nothing to do with the aristocracy; it means in the original Greek "the excellent man" or "doing the best in any given circumstance." In other words, a pragmatist, though the word was unknown to Plato and Aristotle. Every man must live by some set of rules. Most of us have insufficient intelligence or insight to formulate our own with any degree of certainty or exactitude, and this is where a reasoned reading of this book will put into plain language what most of us have thought in a vague and amorphous manner for a life-time. Read it - it's been my book of the year for 1975.

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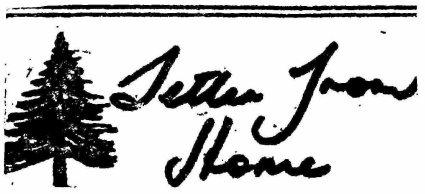

CHRISTMAS time seems to come more quickly each year and it's usually the Lions Club that commences the Christmas festivities with its Christmas Party for the children. Last Sunday was the big day and a very excited group of children converged on the Lions Club at Kingston to enjoy the ice-creams, fairy floss and rides on the merry-go-round. At three o'clock the common below the club rooms was heavily dotted with small figures all with their faces turned skyward. They were looking for Ben Morice's Cessna aircraft. "Look, there it is," said young Tom McIntyre, who had returned from the mainland just in time the day before. Then Alan Dyer had a busy time with the megaphone trying to keep the children back on the hill. It was a windy day - Ben Morice and his helpers looked as though they were having quite a bumpy ride up above the crowd. Next time round down came the shower of sweets. It was a delightful scene watching the children dart here and there looking for them. I think though the arrival of Santa Claus really stole the show. Quite a spectacular sight watching the bright red fire engine come gleaming down the hill from Panorama Court with Santa Claus standing on the back. Then with siren blaring and red light flashing Lloyd Pickering guided his "reindeers and sleigh" into the grounds of the Lions Club. Poor Santa had quite a rough time for a few minutes, even lost his belt, as the children jostled one another to see what Santa had in his sack. Young Aaron Graham was thrilled to be asked by Santa what he'd like for Christmas. "He even gave me a big handful of lollies too," said Aaron to his friends afterwards. There were some littlies who weren't quite sure of the hale and hearty fellow dressed in red with a long white beard!

A real treat then followed Santa's visit. The children were told to stand along the fence where they would be able to watch Santa spray out "snow" from the fire engine as it went across the bridge down on the common. Even the cattle came trotting over to see what the strange white foam was. I think Pat Magri echoed the thoughts of all parents that day when she said, "The children here are really lucky aren't they?" The Lions Club members gave the children a terrific day and even supplied a very welcome cup of tea for the adults.

People on Norfolk love concerts, someone said to me recently, and the community certainly filled Rawson Hall for the Primary and Secondary Prize-Giving & Concert last Tuesday night. The Headmaster, Ian McCowan, welcomed everyone and in his report on the year's activities paid tribute to the support the school had received from the Administration, P & C Association, the various committees and organizations on the Island, plus the community as a whole. Mr. McCowan said he felt that if the school required a particular piece of equipment then the community would ensure that it was acquired. The Deputy Administrator and Mrs. Buffett then presented the academic prizes to the successful pupils in both the Primary and Secondary classes. There were many proud parents in the audience. However, as Mr. McCowan congratulated the winners he also reminded everyone of the merits of being a trier.

After presentation of all the awards and prizes the audience was then entertained by items from various classes in the school. Thoroughly enjoyed "Christmas at the Shamrock Hotel" - very well done by the 6th graders. The Chinese "diggers" were particularly good and Michell LeCren's pidgin-Chinese was terrific. The evening concluded with the singing of the Pitcairn Anthem.

Thursday was Party Day at the School and also at the Playcentre where children from both groups gathered with their mums and a dad here and there to enjoy the morning. Since the Bi-Centenary Park has been established the children have spent many a pleasant morning romping in the paddock next to Rawson Hall climbing trees and getting rid of some energy. Thursday morning it was the venue of their party with the tables set out under the trees loaded with the goodies the mothers had brought along. Arthur and Connie Maxwell's novelty face cakes were a great hit with the children - they thoroughly enjoyed eating off the Smartie eyes! Must also mention Rhonda Gardner's beautiful swans, made from choux pastry, swimming on a lake of jelly crystals. It was decided they would be more appreciated by the mums than the children. Again the children were delighted with the arrival of Santa Claus on the fire engine - must pay tribute to the "Playcentre" Santa, same very willing Santa has been coming each year for about six years - one year he walked right across the golf course to the Lime Kiln on a very hot day.

After all the gifts had been dispensed, the children were taken for a ride on the fire engine. A lovely morning.

Believe the children at the school had an enjoyable "last day", being entertained by Alex Hood, Australian folklorist and singer, whose visit had been arranged by the Norfolk Island Branch of the Arts Council. A most interesting chap. The audience at Rawson Hall on Thursday night was fascinated with the wealth of Mr. Hood's knowledge of Australian folklore. He told the audience the real story of one of Australia's monuments to bad luck - the dog sitting on the tucker box five (or nine!) miles from Gundagai. Did you know that a didgeridoo is made by termites hollowing out the branch of a tree? Mr. Hood explained how the didgeridoo is made and then played the dance of the brolga giving the bird's call on the didgeridoo also. Terrific! Through song and anecdotes we also learnt of a bullocky's life.

A very interesting evening concluded by Mr. Hood reciting a poem about a born whinger - the poor miserable chap was still whinging when he got to heaven!

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Younger set

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held this Wednesday at 8pm in the Youth Centre, Kingston. Would all interested persons please attend as we would like to elect a new committee and organise summer activities.

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WHALING FROM OPEN boats has long finished on Norfolk, but stories of these times are still told.

There was the one about how Frank Bates Evans died.

He lived on the top of a hill near Steel's Point. One morning as he left his house he told his granddaughter: "Come out and watch Dad's boat. It's the last time you'll see Dad."

The boats set out from Cascade as usual and the boat Frank was in sighted a cow and calf and followed them round to the Cabbage, in view of the house.

His granddaughter saw the boats coming into sight and stopped work to watch.

Frank Bates drove the harpoon into the cow. The massive flukes whipped round and down, smashing the bow off the boat, and Frank Bates was dead.

"He was unmarked," the islanders remember, "though he must have been hit by the fluke or a piece of timber."

Then there was the sea serpent. The boat Bera Quintal was in sighted it -- about 60 feet long, with what Bera called "a great ugly head" lying on the surface.

Bera wanted to harpoon the monster and take it back to shore to show the people.

But gruff-voiced Godfrey Christian had seen sea-serpents before while pearling out of Broome.

"Leave it alone," he advised, so they sailed quietly past.

And there was the time Barty had an argument with Alan Buffett, who was coxing the boat. This was before Barty got his own boat, Number One Yankee.

Barty was a big, thick-set, dark-complexioned man, inclined to be quick-tempered.

It was near the end of the season and the company had not caught even one whale. Then the first boat made fast and the mate-boat came down to help.

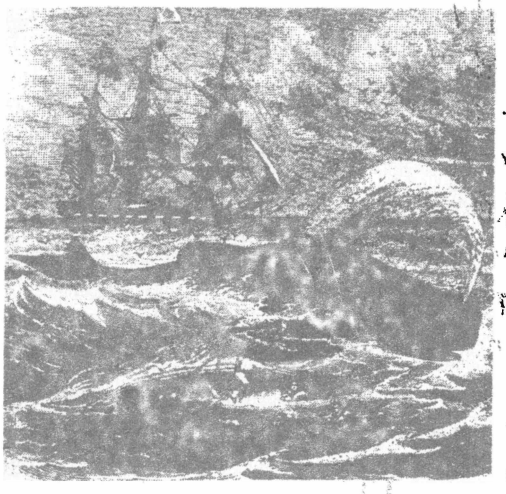
They decided to put another harpoon into the whale to be safe, for it was by no means dead, though wounded. Barty was harpooner in the mate-boat and he decided to use the new second iron.

"No", Alan Buffett called to him, "use the side iron, not one of the good ones."

In instant rage, Barty shouted, "If I can't use my harpoons as I please, you can take the boat." And he jumped out of the mate boat on to the back of the whale, and walked across it, and jumped into the fast boat.

And the astonishing story of the right whale.

Only humpbacks had ever been taken round Norfolk Island until the year Number Three Company was having a bad season, in about the mid-1890s.



In fact it was looking like the second bad season in succession. They had not taken one whale the previous year, and they were facing financial disaster.

Number Three Company had two fitting-out bills to pay and Pearson, the storekeeper, was beginning to press them. They owed him for tea, sugar and kerosene as well as for the expensive whaling gear.

Being mainly Methodists in Number Three Company, they held a prayer meeting, sang hymns, gave testimony and asked for Divine help.

"One, good, big whale would be just right," they suggested to the Lord. "A whale big enough to pay all our debts."

"Glory be to God," cried one worshipper. "We gwen take the money out of a fishes mouth."

A few mornings later Number Three Company pushed off once again from Cascade.

Almost at once they saw to the east a Number Two Company boat raise its waif, signalling that it was on a whale and warning the other boats to stand clear.

But minutes later the waif came down: the boat had lost the cow and calf it had been stalking.

So the Number Three boats headed east on the chance of picking up the scared beasts.

They passed the jetty at Cascade and were off the point at Duncombe Bay when something moved in the sea in front.

"The whole bottom's coming up, one man shouted in alarm.

"It's the devil," yelled another, thoroughly scared.

A fearsome shape broke surface. "It was a different sort of thing altogether from the hump of a humpback," one whaler recalled.

Then the shape spouted, not a single jet like a humpback, but a forked jet that mushroomed over, and a smaller shape appeared beside it -- a calf.

"Devil or no devil" cried Chinny, "take dat!" and he drove the harpoon into the cow.

They landed the right whale -- for that is what it was, a type called a "right whale" -- and the whole island came down to look.

The cow was over 60 feet long, jet-black all over, and weighed 50 tons. Number Three Company's troubles were over -- for that season, anyway. She made ten tons of oil, and the whalebone sold for more than the oil. A humpback has no saleable whalebone at all. That single right whale was worth more than ten average humpbacks.

It seemed the Lord often intervened on behalf of the people.

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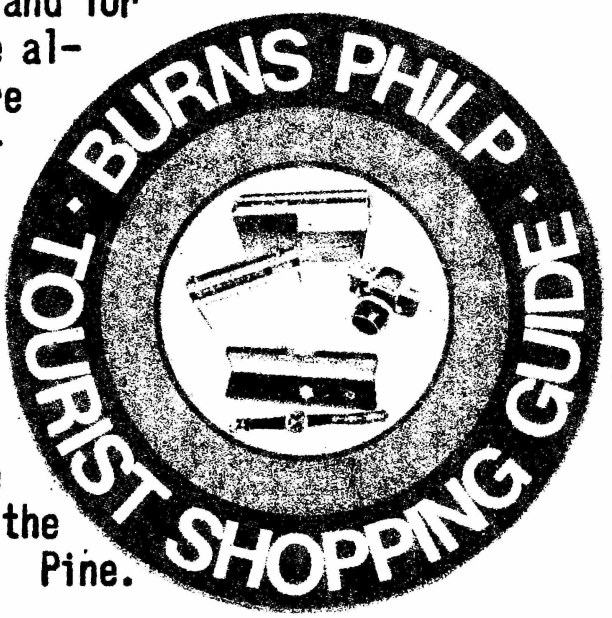

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